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Gourd Artist Sally Cammack to Demonstrate at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, May 11, Sally Cammack, of Cynthiana, will demonstrate how she designs and paints gourds, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Born in the coal mining town of Stearns, Kentucky, Cammack now lives in rural Cynthiana, where she uses gourds raised by her family and friends to create her work. Gourds are picked in the fall and stored in an open-weave basket to cure for two to six months. After curing, they are soaked in warm, soapy water and then scraped to remove the mold that forms on them during curing.

When the gourds are ready, Cammack draws a scene on the gourd with a pencil. She then follows each pencil line with a hot wood-burning pen and adds color with a felt-tip pen. Rubbed-effect varnish is then brushed on the surface to seal the color. Sally's designs are all original, with many of the village scenes reflective of the town where she was born or the rural area where she now lives.

Painted gourds by Cammack are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Two special exhibits, "The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea: Celebrating 10 Years," is on display through Aug. 24, and "Connected by a Thread: Quilts by the Kentucky Six+," is on display in the lobby through June 29. For information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center, or go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov.

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Sally Cammack paints gourds at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea